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April 4, 2004

Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Chattanooga Gas Company

Responses to TRA Staff's Data Requests

Docket No. 04-00034 - Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for Approval

of Adjustment of its Rates and Charges and Revised Tariff

Dear Chairman Tate,

Enclosed please find an original and 13 copies of Chattanooga Gas Company's responses to the following data requests issued by the TRA Staff:

Fifth Set of Data Requests Dated March 11, 2004 – 89

Sixth Set of Data Requests Dated March 12, 2004 – 99

Econ #1 Data Request dated March 19, 2004:

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The Company is currently gathering and compiling information for the remaining data requests and will file its responses as soon as the data requests are complete.

If there are any additional questions, I can be reached at 404-584-4263.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Morley AGL Resources Rates & Regulatory

Chattanooga Gas Company TRA Staff -5 Discovery Request No. 89 Docket Number 04-00034 March 26, 2004 Page 1 of 1

Discovery Request No. 89

Provide and explain the accounting entries that have caused the balances in the Company's Contribution in Aid of Construction Accounts (101000, 101110, 101105, 101130) at September 30, 2003 to decline from the September, 2002 balances. Also provide a description and the nature of accounts 101105 and 101130.

Response:

This decrease was the result of the reclass of Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) from the CIAC accounts to plant in service, as described in TRA data request #2-55.

CGC currently accounts for CIAC as follows:

- 1. As cash is received, CIAC is recorded to a general ledger account separate from CGC's construction work in progress (CWIP) account. CGC's current process is not set-up to track CIAC at a project level.
- 2. On an annual basis, the activity within the CIAC general ledger account is transferred to CGC's asset management system and plant in service general ledger account. An asset with a negative value is created in the asset management system for the amount of CIAC that is being capitalized. This asset is then depreciated using a rate of 3.3%, creating a credit against depreciation expense.

See attached schedule 89-1 for the journal entries which caused the (CIAC) accounts to decrease in December, 2002.

Account 101130 is "Contribution for Relocation of Facilities" and is used to apply CIAC from developers due to relocating of plant for new development such as new housing developments. Account 101105 is "Aid to Construction Billing" and was previously used to track all CIAC. CIAC is now recorded in multiple accounts, and account 101105 is no longer used. These accounts break out CIAC by type, such as relocation of facilities, residential, etc.

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Data Request No. 99

Examine Account 162999-Other Deferred Debits. Explain the components to this account. Explain why this account reached a zero balance in November 2003, and provide the associated accounting entries with its elimination. Also, provide the accounting entries relating to the restoration of this account in December 2003 to a balance of \$419,520.

Response

Account 162999 – Other Deferred Debits - is the account used to appropriately present the balance sheet classification for the net goodwill portion of Chattanooga Gas Company's acquisition adjustment. Please refer to CGC's response for TRA data request 5-87 for additional explanation and supporting schedules.

The balance sheet presentation reclass is made on a monthly basis, reversed at the beginning of the following month and adjusted again at the end of the following month. Based on review of CGC's internal financial statements, account 162999 had a balance of \$422,145 in November 2003. The data base provided to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) staff also includes this amount for November 2003.

Attached exhibits 99-1 and 99-2 provide the balance sheet presentation reclass journal entries and related reversals made in November 2003 and December 2003.

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Data Request No. 1

Data Response No. 79 states that there is no debt on the books and records of Chattanooga Gas Company or AGL Services Company. Data Response No. 80 provides the Reconciliation of Capital Structure, Parts A & B. Explain why the Company did not allocate debt to Chattanooga for rate purposes.

Response

As noted in Data Response No. 79, there is no debt on the books and records of Chattanooga Gas Company (CGC). However, for rate making purposes, CGC has computed its revenue requirement based on the hypothetical capital structure included in the testimony of Michael J. Morley. This hypothetical capital structure includes the consolidated debt of AGL Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries. Please see MJM-4 Schedule 1, a copy of which is attached to this response.

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Exhibit MJM-4
Schedule 1

Chattanooga Gas Company Summary of Estimated Consolidated Cost of Capital June 30, 2005

Line No.	Capital Structure Component	Ratio	 ,	Cost Rate	Weighted Average Cost
1	Short-term debt	4.30%	(A)	2.69%	0.12%
2	Long-Term Debt	40.10%	(B)	6.74%	2.70%
3 4	Preferred Stock Total Debt	8.70% 53.10%	(C)	8.54%	<u>0.74%</u> 3.56%
5	Common Equity	46.90%	(D)	11 25%	5.28%
6	Total Capitalization	100.00%	:		8.84%

- (A) MJM-4, Schedule 2, Line 14
- (B) MJM-4, Schedule 3, Line 8
- (C) MJM-4, Schedule 3, Line 9
- (D) MJM-4, Schedule 3, Line 6

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Data Request No. 3

Data Response No. 85-1 provides the Debt & Equity Analysis for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003. Please provide this same schedule for the twelve months ended December 31, 2002 and also for the test period ended September 30, 2003.

Response

See attached schedule **TRA Econ #3-1** for the Debt & Equity Analysis for the twelve months ended December 31, 2002 and schedule **TRA Econ #3-2** for the Debt & Equity Analysis for the test period ended September 30, 2003.

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Jun-02	29,805,324 166,206,562 298,528,209 296,726,238
May-02	29,804,453 166,198,182 298,516,972 296,694,899
Apr-02	29,803,582 166,189,803 298,505,736 296,663,560 791,162,681
Mar-02	29,802,711 166,181,424 298,494,499 296,632,221 791,110,855
Feb-02	29,801,840 166,170,273 298,483,263 296,600,882
Jan-02	29,800,969 166,159,123 298,472,026 296,569,543 791,001,660
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B. Trust Preferred Securities	AGL Capital Trust I AGL Capital Trust II	Total trust Preferred Securities

705,924,698 716,080,273 732,781,265 738,748,153 730,286,187 734,855,669 738,351,537 732,755,365 732,105,460 737,581,085 737,472,797 710,204,528 C. Common Equity:

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Jan-03	29,811,422 166,258,205 298,606,865 296,561,596 0 791,238,089	74,330,496 146,533,628 220,864,124
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A. Long -term debt - (net of current portion) Medium Term Debt	Series A Series B Series C Senior Notes Senior Notes 4.45% Total Medium Term & Senior Notes	B Trust Preferred Securities AGL Capital Trust I AGL Capital Trust II Total trust Preferred Securities

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Data Request No. 4

Provide an explanation for the increase in preferred stock the year 2001. Why was the preferred stock issued? You state on the FG-Item No. 81 that your preferred stock has an average rate of 8.70% in 2002 and 8.67% in 2003. That is more expensive than either short-term debt or long-term debt listed on that schedule. Why was preferred stock chosen over common stock or debt?

Response

Preferred stock was issued in 2001 and is considered long-term debt by AGL Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries (AGLR). This debt was issued to maintain a favorable balance of short-term and long-term debt and is the longest term debt available. Additionally, because of its long life, some credit rating agencies treat this preferred stock as equity rather than debt. The preferred stock's long debt term and favorable treatment by some credit rating agencies helped AGLR maintain its existing credit rating, providing an overall lower cost of debt.

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Data Request No. 5

In 2001 according to your FG-Item No. 80, schedule 3, on page 1, long-term debt climbed by 46% and short-term debt more that doubled. Please explain. What utility purpose was this use for?

Response

The increase in long-term debt and short-term debt was the result of the purchase of Virginia Natural Gas (VNG) in October 2000. Additionally, short-term debt increased due to an increase in working capital needs for AGL Resources Inc. and Subsidiaries. The increase in working capital needs was due primarily to a substantially increase in gas inventory unit costs and volumes.

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Data Request No. 6

On the same schedule interest expense dropped from 2002 to 2003. Interest rates are shown dropping which will account for some of it. Is that the only reason, or was there some refinancing occurring? Preferred stock expense of course remained the same. Please provide explanations.

Response

Please clarify the above question. The schedule referenced in the question, FG Item No. 80, schedule 3, does not include amounts for "interest expense" nor does it include information for 2003.

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Data Request No. 7

In FG Item No. 87, please provide the same schedule of capital surplus for the year ended December 31, 2002 and for the test year.

Response

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See attached schedule **TRA Econ #7-1** for the Capital Surplus Analysis for the twelve months ended December 31, 2002 and schedule **TRA Econ #7-2** for the Capital Surplus Analysis for the test year.

Chattanooga Gas Company Docket Number 04-00034 CGC TRA Econ Request #7 Schedule TRA Econ #7-1 Capital Surplus by Month

<u>Jan-02 Feb-02 Mar-02 Apr-02 May-02 Jun-02 Jul-02 Aug-02 Sep-02 Oct-02 Nov-02 Dec-02</u> -201,647,865 -201,805,052 -202,668,543 -203,035,993 -202,966,102 -203,457,138 -203,619,586 -203,878,768 -204,378,975 -204,666,320 -204,972,937 -207,595,628

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Total Capital Surplus on Common Stock	Oct-02 -204,666,320	O <u>Ct-02</u> Nov-02 Dec-02 204,666,320 -204,972,937 -207,595,628	Dec-02 -207,595,628	Jan-03	Feb-03	Mar-03	Apr-03	May-03	Jun-03 -314,325,082	314,470,536	Aug-03	Sep-03 -315,980,784
Capital Surplus on Preferred Stock	-2,170,111	-2,170,111 -2,170,111 -2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111	-2,170,111
Total	-206,836,431 -207,143,048 -209,765,739	-207,143,048		-209,809,525	-314,130,091	-314,561,968	-315,266,644	-315,745,071	-316,495,193	-316,640,647	-315,021,952	-318,150,895

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Data Request No. 8

On response FG-Item No. 92, the Company states that all amounts billed to Chattanooga Gas Company through the AGL Services is at cost including interest. Provide a worksheet showing how total interest expense is calculated and allocated among the distribution companies.

Response

The above data request seeks information that is non-public and has been filed "trade secret" in other AGL Resources Inc. jurisdictions. A protective order was filed by Chattanooga Gas Company (CGC) in conjunction with Docket No. 04-00034 on January 26, 2004. Once this protective order is approved, CGC will respond to the above data request.

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Data Request No. 10

Provide the allocation percentages of distribution expenses for Chattanooga Gas Company, Virginia Gas Company, and AGL. This can be done on an aggregate bases by subsidiary except for interest expense on short-term and long-term debt.

Response

The above data request seeks information that is non-public and has been filed "trade secret" in other AGL Resources Inc. jurisdictions. A protective order was filed by Chattanooga Gas Company (CGC) in conjunction with Docket No. 04-00034 on January 26, 2004. Once this protective order is approved, CGC will respond to the above data request.

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Data Request No. 11

Provide worksheet of how debt costs and/or premium on stock issues are allocated if they are, to the distribution companies.

Response

All debt, including preferred stock, is recorded on the books and records of the following companies:

- AGL Capital Corporation
- AGL Capital Trust I
- AGL Capital Trust II
- Atlanta Gas Light Company

All costs and premiums related to this debt are recorded directly on the books and records of the applicable company. These costs are not allocated to the distribution companies. However, any costs or premiums related to this debt have been included in the debt costs used in the hypothetical capital structure referred to in Econ 1–1.

Any premium related to publicly traded common stock is recorded on the books and records of AGL Resources Inc. to account 203102—Additional Paid-In Capital and is not allocated to the distribution companies.

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Data Request No. 12

Provide worksheet describing how retirement of debt gains or losses is allocated if they are, to the distribution companies.

Response

All debt, including preferred stock, is recorded on the books and records of the following companies:

- AGL Capital Corporation
- AGL Capital Trust I
- AGL Capital Trust II
- Atlanta Gas Light Company

Atlanta Gas Light Company incurred debt retirement losses, which were recorded on its books and records and are not allocated to other AGL Resources Inc. affiliates. However, these retirement losses have been included in the debt costs used in the hypothetical capital structure referred to in Econ 1–1.